

NELLIE BLY WITH THE WEST POINT MILITARY CADETS AND HENRY GUY CARLETON AT THE ANNAPOLIS COMMENCEMENT.
READ THE SUNDAY WORLD
The Story of the Graduating Exercises at the Two Great Government Schools.

PRICE ONE CENT.

EXTRA

2 O'CLOCK.

FOR VENGEANCE!

Property at Conemaugh Villas Destroyed by Half-Crazed Sufferers.

A Terrible Feeling Arising Against the Owners of the Dam.

The Amateur Photographer Flends Under the Ban To-Day.

A Most Horrible of All the Sights Yet Seen in the Ruins.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 8.—The amateur photographers have now come under the ban, and a number of them who were skinning around the ruins and aiming their little instruments at various objects have been captured and set to work.

There was a perfect swarm of these camera fiends around, taking pictures for no earthly purpose than to gratify their own curiosity and vanity.

The owners of some of the villas near the Conemaugh Lake site are beginning to realize the feeling that is being aroused against them as members of the South Fork Fishing Club, row that conspire to be directed against that organization for its negligence in the matter of the dam.

This feeling has taken so violent a form that furniture and other property about the villas has been smashed by angry marauders.

Nothing was stolen. The mischief evidently done out of a spirit akin to which brings the desire for vengeance.

One of the most sickening sights yet presented among the ruins came with the finding in the mud in the centre of a wagon road of a poor pennant of humanity, over which wagons had been passing for forty-eight hours.

The heavy vehicles had sunk deep into the mud, and had broken every bone in the putrifying corpse.

The head and one arm had disappeared. The body was taken to the Morgue and hurried off to burial.

Only the hardest can enter the Morgue this morning.

The undertakers' men who are preparing the corpses for burial, hurriedly perform their task and retreat to the yard to await the arrival of another find.

The bodies, though, are kept as long as possible and every possible opportunity is afforded for identification.

AN EXPERT ON THE BROKEN DAM.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 8.—Engineering experts have fairly swarmed to this locality to examine the broken dam and the conditions which produced the catastrophe of last week and conducted to making it such a gigantic, appalling calamity.

Among them were A. M. Wellington and L. P. Burt, of the New York Engineering News.

A reporter has had a long talk with these latter gentlemen, and from them has received a full description of the dam, its faults of construction and the probable reason for the breaking away of the waters of Conemaugh lake.

The reports rendered by these experts substantially confirm THE EVENING WORLD's dispatches regarding the insecurity of the dam structure.

Says Mr. Wellington: "No engineer of known and good standing could possibly have been engaged in the reconstruction of the old dam after it had been neglected in disuse for twenty odd years, and the old dam was a very inferior piece of work, and of a kind wholly unwarranted by good engineering practices of its day, thirty years ago."

"Both the original dam and the reconstructed one were built of earth only, with no heart wall and rip-rapped only on the slopes. True, the earth is of a sticky, clayey quality; the best of earth for adhesiveness, and the old dam was made in water layers, well rammed down, as is still shown in the wrecked dam. But the new dam was probably not rammed down at all; the earth was simply dumped in like an ordinary railway filling. Much of the old dam still stands, while the new work contiguous to it was carried away."

"It has been an acknowledged principle of dam building for forty years, and the invariable practice to build a central wall either of puddle or solid masonry; but there was neither in the old nor in the new dam. It is doubtful if there is a United States which lacks its central wall."

"Ignorance or carelessness is shown in the reconstruction, for the middle of the new dam was nearly two feet lower in the middle than at the ends. It should have been crowned in the middle by all the rules and practice of engineering."

"Had the break begun at the ends, the cut of the water would have been gradual and

little or no harm would have resulted. And had the dam been cut at once at the ends when the water began running over the centre, the suddenness of the break might have been checked, the wall crumbling away at



THE DAM AS IT WAS.

least more slowly and gradually and possibly prolonged so that little harm would have been done.

"There was an overflow through the rocks in the old dam, which provided that the water must rise seven feet above the ordinary level before it would pass over the crest of the dam. But, owing to the raising of the ends of the dam in 1881, without raising the crest, only five and a half feet of water was necessary to run water over the middle of the dam. And this spillway, narrow at best, had been further contracted by a close grating to prevent the fish from escaping from the lake, while the original discharge pipe at the foot of the dam was permanently closed when the dam was reconstructed. Indeed, the maxi-



THE DAM AS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN.

mum discharge was reduced in all directions. The safety valve to that dangerous dam was almost screwed down tight.

"There seems to have been no leakage through the dam, its destruction resulting from its rinding at over the top. The estimates for the original dam call for half earth and rock, but there is no indication of it in the broken dam. The riprap was merely a skin on each face, with loose spawls mixed with the earth. The dam was 72 feet high, 2 inches slope to a foot inside, 1 1/2 inches to a foot outside slope and 20 feet thick at the top.

The fact that the dam was a reconstructed one, after twenty years of disuse, made it especially hard on the old dam to withstand the pressure of the water."

THE SAFETY OF THE DAM ALWAYS MOOTED.

Cyrus Elder, general counsel for the Cambria Iron Company, related some curious incidents as indicative of the distrust of the dam on all sides.

Mr. Elder is the father of George Elder, the engineer of the Cyclone Pulverizer Company of New York, and lost his wife and only daughter in the flood.

"When the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club, of Pittsburgh, leased the lake of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1881 and proposed to rebuild the old dam," says Mr. Elder, "the Cambria Iron Company was considerably exercised, and a competent engineer was employed to inspect the old dam and the plans for the reconstruction. He condemned several matters in the way of construction and the plans were changed to meet his views, whereupon he reported that the new dam would be perfectly safe."

"My son, George B. Elder, was at the Troy Polytechnic Institute at the time, and he sent to me a copy of a problem submitted to his class by the Professor. It was of course, a hypothetical case, but it was quite evidently based on the plans and specifications for the South Fork dam. The class decided that the dam was safe."

"But the President of my Company was still anxious, and, thinking that it would be a good idea to have some member of the company inside the South Fork Fishing Club, set aside funds of the Company for the purchase of two shares in the Club. They were in the name of D. J. Morrell, and after his death were transferred to my name. They are still held by me, but are the property of the Cambria Iron Company."

THE CORONER'S JURY BLAMES THE CLUB.

Those who have always stood as members of the Club now declare that it is a thing of the past and no one will admit its membership.

Even the owners of cottages on the banks of the little lake deny any interest in the Club. They are waiting legal action which will probably be taken against them, and the cottages are unoccupied.

Coroner Hammer, of Westmoreland County, sitting inquest upon the bodies found at Nineveh, took the jury to the dam yesterday, and to-day a verdict is being prepared for the signatures of the jurymen, and it will throw the burden of blame upon the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club.

It throws the blame on the Club because of the "gross, if not criminal, negligence and carelessness in making repairs from time to time."

It has been a question before the Coroner if the Pennsylvania Railroad Company should not be held jointly responsible with the Club, for the Company leased and abandoned the dam and permitted it to fall out of repair.

HEARTLESS SCHEMES EXPOSED.

It is said They Were to Speculate in Destroyed Home Sites.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 8.—It is rumored here, though the reporters have been unable

to trace the story to its source, that a syndicate has sent an agent here to buy up the desolated home sites in the valley and "corner" the land market against the revival of the towns and resumption of building operations.

Everybody is in need of money, and this agent is said to have succeeded in obtaining options on many plots at a very low figure from the distressed owners, while many of the people have bargained away the sites of their former homes for a little ready money.

To a Catholic priest who was appealed to for advice by a parishioner is due the credit for exposing this scheme, and to-day new life and encouragement is being instilled into the bereft and homeless victims of the flood by the sturdier ones of the community.

The populace are thoroughly aroused and only less indignant than they were at the even more infamous scheme discovered three days ago of tempting girls who had lost their families and friends to go away to lives of sin and shame.

FROM THE VALLEY OF THE DEAD.

The Swath of Destruction and Death Described by an Artist.

Alexander F. W. Leslie, of THE WORLD Art Department, has returned from the Conemaugh Valley with a cargo of graphic photographic pictures of the scene of the flood and weighed down with mental pictures of the horrors of the catastrophe.

"I can say no more than that there is a swath of death and destruction, nearly a mile wide and several miles in length down the valley of the babbling Conemaugh."

"There is in the gloom and horror of death, the air is filled with the odor of death. Little funeral parties are before, behind and on every hand. There is no rest for the eye. Let it wander where it will, it is met by the sad results of the carnival of death."

"Down in the bottom are piled dead bodies of men, women and children, horses, cows and other kind of flesh and blood that once lived, covered or partly hidden from view by driftwood, the remnants of once fair homes and the wreck of hopes and promised happiness."

"The sadness of the scenes is appalling; I cannot describe it. On the hillsides are camps where the generous gifts of more happy times—clothing and food—are being distributed, and those who were robbed of all by the disaster of last week are being relieved, clothed and fed, and so are a horde of tramps, professional beggars and thirty species of men who have gathered from anywhere, and the Lord knows where, in the garb and whine of counterfeit distress."

"It is all horrible!"

The fruits of the labor of the corps of artists under Chief Leslie will be yielded to the readers of the Sunday World and THE WORLD of other future issues.

HE OBJECTED TO THE TITLE.

MR. DANIELS RESENTED BEING CALLED A BUNCO-STEERER.

Abraham H. Daniels, a "speculator," as he was humorously declared by Judge McMahon in the Yorkville Police Court this morning, went to the Jerome Park races yesterday. He was accompanied by a gentlemanly looking man named James Beck, who, according to "Speculator" Daniels, had never been to a race before.

On their return, the pair drew up at Mr. P. McCann's pretty restaurant and proceeded to refresh their inner man. Their inner man had been already renovated by various libations, and the two were somewhat mellowed.

Next to their table was a dear old boy of sixty robust Winters, and two giddy maidens of twenty-two or three summers. The two parties became engaged in conversation.

Mr. Beck disappeared.

"That is, Mr. Daniels says so, but the fact was that Mr. Beck was put in the coach and taken to the City Hall."

Daniels continued to talk "politics" with the old man, and the giddy maidens told him he could come with them in their coach.

Proprietor P. McCann had received a "tip" that Speculator Daniels was a "bunco-steerer," and he says that he heard the old gentleman remark pathetically to Daniels that "he had been uncoined once in Chicago."

Thereupon McCann stepped up and told the old man that he had heard that his kindly interlocutor was a "bunco" man.

"You are a liar!" exclaimed Mr. Daniels, hotly. "I'm no longer a steerer."

He emphasized his remark by hitting Mr. McCann once on the shoulder and once on the mouth. Then, by special request, Officer Bertram took an interest in the matter.

He removed him to the Sixty-seventh street station-house.

"The Sergeant there," said Mr. Daniels to the reporter, "brought out a picture of a man who looked like me and said 'look you, you are a cat and a gazelle.'"

Mr. Daniels this morning, before Judge McMahon, could not recall whether he hit Mr. McCann or not, but he remembered that when the officer was taking him downstairs Mr. McCann kicked him and made him feel very miserable.

He was under arrest, Mr. Daniels determined to have the full benefit of this enforced companionship with a "copper," and protested to Officer Bertram that he must not allow him to be kicked or maltreated, as he was under his protection.

Judge McMahon concluded that Mr. Daniels had better have a session at Special Sessions, and, as a memorandum for him, requested him to supply \$500 bonds.

DENOUNCED BY DILLON.

Alexander Sullivan Placed in a Most Unenviable Light.

He Is Declared to Be a Professional Patriot and Schemer.

No Doubt Expressed that Other Victims than Cronin Were Marked.

SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

CHICAGO, June 8.—The testimony given yesterday at the Coroner's inquest into Dr. Cronin's death by Luke Dillon, the Clan-na-Gael man, has produced a profound sensation.

Dillon is regarded as the most important witness yet examined on account of his influential standing in the secret organization at whose command Dr. Cronin was assassinated, and the freedom with which he

lunatic society has already given rise to the report that he has been marked as the next victim of the Clan's retributive justice.

"The evidence which he gave against Sullivan points the leader of the 'Chicago Triangle' in the blackest color, and shows that he was for years plotting against the reputation, if not the life, of Dr. Cronin."

"I verily believe from what I know," said Dillon, in the most solemn manner, "that Alexander Sullivan was a party to the murder of Dr. Cronin, if not a principal."

There was a sensation in the court-room when he uttered these words, and the public sentiment here to-day runs very high against the leaders of the Clan-na-Gael, who, Dillon says, have betrayed many members of the order to the British Government.

Since his resignation, however, he had been very active in the affairs of the Clan-na-Gael, and the witness was in possession of important documents relating to the Order which he had taken with him when he fled to the United States.

Dillon said that at first he had only regarded Sullivan as an ordinary villain, but now he regarded him as the blackest scoundrel in the United States.

In his opinion, Sullivan had resigned from the Executive of the Order because he was afraid he would be found out, and his dishonesty and scoundrelism exposed.

Since his resignation, however, he had been very active in the affairs of the Clan-na-Gael, and the witness was in possession of important documents relating to the Order which he had taken with him when he fled to the United States.

The reading of the protest written by Sullivan against the presence of Dr. Cronin on the Committee which tried the Chicago gang against the British and Federal authorities last fall, was another sensational incident of the investigation.

Although this document is dated last September, it has only just been given to the Order, Sullivan having ordered it to be sent out last week.

His objections to Dr. Cronin, on the ground that he was a traitor and a scoundrel, are bolstered up with the vilest personal abuse that was ever penned, and the witness said that he had never seen or heard of Sullivan since he fled to the United States.

He believed that Alexander Sullivan was a professional scoundrel, sticking the life-blood of Irish organizations," said Mr. Dillon.

"The belief is general that Sullivan left the Order because he felt that the crime which he had committed would be traced to him, and that he knew that he would be hanged for the murder of Dr. Cronin."

The placing of Policeman Daniel Brown, the first witness of yesterday, under arrest, was another sensational incident of the investigation.

It also came out during the proceedings that Patrick Egan, a member of the Clan-na-Gael Executive.

Peter McGeehan, the Philadelphia suspect, is in the hands of the police, and is expected to be put on the witness-stand to-day.

Meanwhile, detectives are shadowing Alexander Sullivan and several other suspects. They cannot move a step without being followed, and everybody is anticipating imminent arrests.

John Devoy, of this city, who from the first has been supposed to be included in the number against whom sentence of death was pronounced by the Clan-na-Gael, is very out-spoken in his opinions regarding the conspiracy.

"I am convinced that there is a plot to murder a number of men, of whom I am one, and they live in various parts of the country. Cronin was the first victim, and it is only by chance that the others have escaped up to this time."

Just how they are busy trying to suppress the evidence in the Cronin case, and if they succeed it will be time then to turn their attention to the others.

It is the duty of the fishermen in this country to see that the murderers of Dr. Cronin are hanged and the conspirators of thugs and thieves broken up. Every man of them who escapes the gallows ought to be in prison for life."

"I am not afraid of their threats and will do what I can to bring them to justice."

Striking Features of Prominent Personalities—See the SUNDAY WORLD.

OUR CUP IN PERIL.

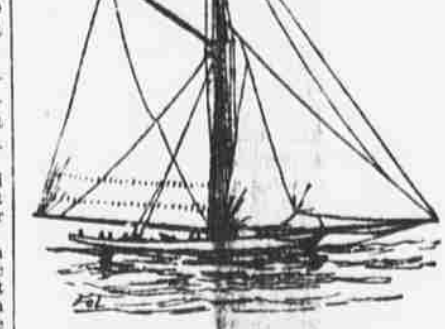
Alarm at Gen. Paine's Advertisement for the Volunteer's Sale.

Danger that She May Fall Into the Hands of an English Syndicate.

Yachtsmen on the Necessity for Immediate and Public-Spirited Action.

Must we lose the America Cup?

The public offer for sale of the Volunteer and the rumor that a syndicate of English yachtsmen are about to purchase her in order



THE VOLUNTEER.

that she may be kept out of the race with the Valkyrie, together with Gen. Paine's silence as to what his intentions are in the matter, forces this question upon the minds of every patriotic American.

The Lombard that has startled every eye in the following advertisement in the Boston Herald in regard to the cup's most effective champion.

FOR SALE.
THE SLOOP YACHT VOLUNTEER.

A perfect racing order, built by the late EDWARD B. HIGGINS, 30 State st.

The Volunteer is looked upon as the only yacht certainly able to successfully defend the cup against the Valkyrie, and the above announcement has come as a most disappointing surprise, and coming so late in the season it is doubted whether another yacht can be built in time for the race in October.

The rumor of a scheme to buy the yacht in order to prevent her from meeting the Valkyrie has found many believers, and great alarm is felt that the America Cup may be taken back to England.

"Yes," said a well-known yachtsman who declined to allow his name to be used, "I have heard the story and I think there is good cause for fear."

The Boston correspondent of THE EVENING WORLD was sent to interview Gen. Paine regarding the Volunteer.

Gen. Paine was asked whether, if she was sold, he would race her against the Valkyrie. He declined answering the question, and was then asked whether he would sell her to a syndicate of Englishmen if an offer was made.

The Volunteer's owner refused to answer either question, saying that he had no statement to make.

Many of the yachtsmen are out of town or sailing their yachts this morning when an Evening World reporter called at their offices, but those who were left, while fearing the result in case the Volunteer was sold, expressed a doubt that Gen. Paine would sell her except with the understanding that she would race against the Valkyrie if selected.

It is hard to say what American yachtsmen would do if deprived of the Volunteer. The result, however, that the Katrina has shown excellent racing qualities and that she would be a most formidable rival of the Valkyrie.

"I don't believe there is any truth in the rumor of a possible sale to Englishmen, as in my opinion Gen. Paine is too true an American yachtsman to do anything that would in any way embarrass us."

"If, however, she is sold, the Katrina is a very promising boat, and then again there is enough public spirit here, and even in New York, to see that she is not lost."

Still it is so early in the season it is hard to say what would be done."

F. W. J. Hunt, of 27 State street, said: "It is impossible to say what will be done in the event of the Volunteer being sold, but I don't think there is any danger, as I don't believe Gen. Paine would sell her except with certain conditions."

Bill Nye as Advance Agent for Ward McAllister's Circus—SUNDAY'S WORLD.

JOHN GILBERT IS WORSE.

His Physician Pronounces Him in a Most Critical Condition.

SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

BOSTON, June 8.—Dr. Jernegan, the physician attending Mr. John Gilbert, the actor, on returning from his bedside last night, did not hesitate in saying that his patient was worse than he had been for several days, and that he was in a critical condition.

THE CITY IN ASHES.

Seattle Begins to Realize Her Terrible Disaster To-Day.

Yet She Is Planning Already to Rise from Her Ruins.

The New Town to Be Solidly Built in Brick and Stone.

SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

SEATTLE, W. T., June 8.—It would be difficult to picture a scene of more utter desolation than that which is presented by the ruined city of Seattle this morning.

The burned district comprises thirty-four blocks on an area of sixty-four acres, and is bounded by University, Front, Spring, to Second, James, South, Fourth, Wall and Water streets.

A larger part of the residence portion of the city escaped the conflagration than was at first supposed when nearly the whole of that part of the town was enveloped in thick clouds of smoke and people were driven from their homes.

The people, who are returning to their homes from the suburbs, whither they had fled for refuge, are at last beginning to appreciate the extent of the dreadful calamity that has befallen them.

Provisions and food supplies of every kind have been almost entirely destroyed, and although assistance is coming in from the neighboring districts, there is a great deal of suffering and privation which must continue for some time.

Seattle has enjoyed a degree of prosperity within the past few years that was simply unprecedented, and the growth in population and wealth has been marvellous.

To have this wealth all swept away in a single night is a misfortune that would be well nigh irreparable in any but a locality of such rapid growth as Seattle.

Already the wreckage along the outskirts of the burned district is being cleared away, and there is every prospect that the city will be rapidly rebuilt.

There was no loss of life, as was at first reported, and this is regarded as almost miraculous, considering the manifold perils of the conflagration.

The militia have been called out to protect the property of householders from thieves, and a large number of arrests have already been made. The force, however, is sufficient and is doing effective work.

The proclamation of Gov. Moore, issued yesterday, is meeting with a generous response from all the cities along the Pacific coast.

A rough estimate of the property losses considerably reduces the figures first given by the latest estimate, places them at about \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

The insurance people are very badly hit. They gave the lower estimates, and from the fact that they allowed the present time it is probable that the total amount of insurance will not exceed \$3,000,000. This is held principally by companies represented in San Francisco.

A meeting of citizens was held yesterday, and it was unanimously decided to rebuild the city only with brick and stone.

"Shake the Hand that Shook the Hand of Sullivan." Rosenfeld's Comic Song in SUNDAY'S WORLD.

A SHOT AT AN ALDERMAN.

IT WAS MEANT FOR BUSINESS AND THE BULLET GRAZED HIS HAIR.

SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN., June 8.—An attempt to assassinate Alderman Berry Sheehan, occurred at 6:30 this morning.

Alderman Sheehan was standing in front of the soda fountain in H. B. Church's drug store, in Wall street, when a bullet was fired at him from the street, through a plate-glass window.

The bullet grazed his hair, he dodged after it had passed and rushed out of the store.

Two men were seen running up Middle street, and they were followed by a large crowd before overtaken.

The bullet cut a clean, round hole in the window pane and was found imbedded in a bundle of snakeroot at the rear of the store.

Alderman Sheehan has received a number of white cloths lately waiting him against voting for the measure to increase the City Attorney's salary from \$50,000 to \$75,000, per annum.

A strong movement is on foot to induce the Mayor to veto the bill.

EXTRA

2 O'CLOCK.

IMPIOUS FIREBUGS.

Clifton Has Another of a Long Series of Incendiary Fires.

Its Only Place of Public Worship the Latest Object of Attack.

Kerosene Poured on the Chapel Wood-work and Fire Started.

The little town of Clifton, N. J., is greatly excited over the work of firebugs and the outrages committed by men who are either employed at or hang about the race track.

So alarmed are the people that they have organized for self-protection against firebugs, and employed detectives to run down the incendiaries.

A few weeks ago James Brick's grocery store was set on fire, under suspicious circumstances, and burned to the ground, together with its contents. Officers of the insurance companies having risks on the property are investigating the matter.

About two weeks ago two stores and a printing office were fired by incendiaries, and a few nights ago Olney's barn was burned.

These fires alarmed the inhabitants, most of whom do business in this city, and an organization for protective purposes was talked of, but not acted upon.

The incendiaries attempted Thursday night to burn the small wooden chapel, which is unorthodox and is used as a place of worship by the citizens generally.

A woman, who is employed to keep the building in order went to the chapel about 6 o'clock yesterday morning and discovered fire smoldering in the front part of the basement, and detected a strong odor of kerosene oil.

She gave an alarm, and the citizens responded and extinguished the fire before it had gained any serious headway or did any damage.

A close investigation showed that a kerosene lamp had been taken from one of the street lamps, and the oil poured upon a lot of paper which was stuffed under the girders supporting the main floor and then set fire.

Fire had also been set in the basement beneath the stairway, but after smoldering it had gone out without doing any considerable damage. But for the woman's timely discovery the building would have been destroyed.

This latest attempt at incendiarism has had the effect of stirring the good citizens of Clifton to a state of intense excitement and alarm, and the latest object of attack is the place where the residents of the place were present, for the purpose of taking decisive steps to detect the fire fiends and bring them to justice.

Justice Rogers made an address in the course of which he said that he had his suspicions as to who the incendiaries are, but did not mention any names. Mr. Alvin Webb made a similar statement. It was resolved to take strong measures against the criminals and enter at once on the work of protecting lives and property.

Accordingly, Messrs. J. H. Adamson, C. Henningway and J. Clarkson were appointed a Committee to organize a fire watch, and before the meeting closed they had all the able-bodied men of the town as volunteers. A patrol was organized instantly, and the "extra relief" on duty after the meeting.